

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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1. Cuba -
missiles

a. Photography taken on Sunday and Monday has uncovered a fourth cruise missile coastal defense unit. This one is located on the south coast near Cienfuegos. It is camouflaged and appears to be operational.

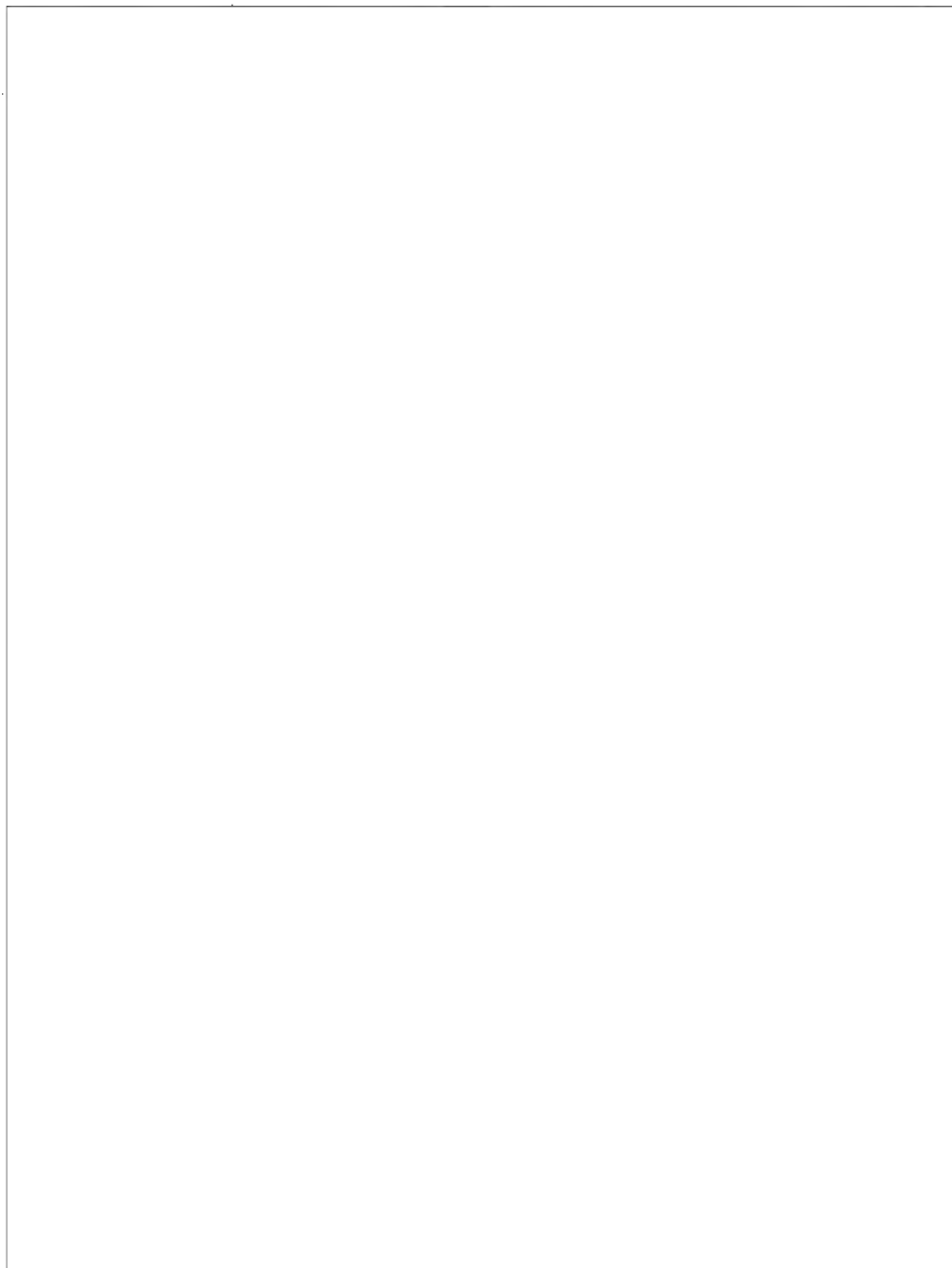
b. Photography from reconnaissance flights flown Monday and Tuesday shows Soviet missile equipment moving steadily toward the ports of Mariel, Casilda and La Isabela where it is being placed aboard ships.

c. So far, we have counted 14 missile transporters loading at Mariel and another 14 at Casilda.

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2. USSR-Cuba



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3. Cuba

a. The story the Soviets are handing out in Havana is that Mikoyan will be in town until Saturday.

b. They are also saying that he plans only a one-day stopover in New York on his way back to Moscow. Perhaps so, but word from the corridors at the UN has it that the Soviets are putting out feelers for an invitation for Mikoyan to see President Kennedy after he finishes his chores in Havana.

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c. Meanwhile, neither the Cubans nor the Russians are saying anything about Mikoyan's talks with Castro.

d. In Cuba, there are signs of a general relaxation of the military alert.

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e. The radio also carried the news that only those forces required to "halt any surprise enemy attack" are being held in "defensive positions."

f. Observance of the 45th anniversary of Soviet's October Revolution was a mild affair in Havana. Mikoyan was on the speaker's platform, but none of the regime's top people seem to have been anywhere around.

g. The Soviet ambassador delivered a flat speech about Cuban-Soviet friendship being based on "mutual respect" and "complete equality."

4. Bloc
attitudes

a. Soviet Defense Minister Malinovsky had some bitter words to say about the US yesterday, but manfully seconded Kosygin's assertion that Soviet moves in the Cuban crisis had kept the peace.

b. For the fourth day running, noisy demonstrations in support of Castro's five demands are being conducted in Communist China.

5. Cuba -
Latin America

a. The OAS on Monday unanimously approved the Argentine resolution calling for a coordinated effort by those states that have placed military forces and facilities at the organization's disposal. The Brazilians, typically, qualified their vote by saying they doubted the resolution was necessary and did not wish it to be construed as recognizing a special military bloc within the OAS.

b. Chilean police, investigating what turned out to be an accidental bomb explosion in downtown Santiago, turned up a cache of dynamite and 17 cases of Cuban propaganda in the possession of four members of a pro-Castro outfit. [redacted]

[redacted] this gang had been preparing to attack our embassy, US firms, and the local public utilities.

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6. Laos

a. Phoumi's secret police on Monday arrested four Kong Le officers as they stepped off the plane that brought Souvanna and Kong Le to Vientiane from the Plaine des Jarres. Charged with improper documentation and possession of counterfeit money (which may be true), the four have reportedly been badly roughed up.

b. Souvanna, unable to make headway with Phoumi in getting the men released, took off yesterday with Kong Le for Phong Saly where he hopes to stop the feuding between local neutralist factions.

c. The lid is still on, but not very tightly. The neutrals in town are muttering that Phoumi wants to start the war up again.

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d. Our embassy, trying to keep things from getting out of hand, has vigorously followed up Souvanna's efforts with Phoumi. We have not yet heard how he is responding.

e. Yesterday the Pathet Lao military commander announced that the Soviet airlift had stopped supplying his men as of 1 November.

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f. This is true. We first noted a sharp drop-off of airlift flights after 25 October, and know of none since the 31st.

g. With the Soviet airlift standing down, it seems inevitable that the Pathet Lao will be putting the heat on Souvanna to stop the aerial resupply of Meo tribesmen by Vientiane planes. There is a good chance they will emphasize their point by taking a pot-shot or two at these planes flying over Pathet Lao territory.

7. Saudi Arabia -
UAR - Yemen

a. Bombings of Saudi Arabian territory on Saturday by planes flying out of Yemen (which may have been inadvertent), and the shelling of a Saudi port near the Yemen border on Monday by a UAR naval vessel [redacted]

[redacted] were the last straws that moved Riyadh to break relations with the UAR yesterday.

b. This turn of events promises some sort of confrontation, probably in Yemen. [redacted]

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8. USSR-
Indonesia

a. It looks as though the Indonesian navy will get four more subchasers from the USSR before long. These will bring to thirteen the number of naval ships, including a cruiser, Indonesia has acquired from the Soviets in less than three months.

b. The cost of Soviet help, however, is pinching more than ever. Sukarno, last reported enjoying some of the better things in life in Tokyo,

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- A. India [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] a move is afoot within the inner circle of the Congress Party to get Krishna Menon out of the cabinet altogether. [redacted] things are due to come to a head when the party's parliamentary executive committee meets [redacted]. 50X1
- B. USSR Sunday's Mars probe turned into a dud when its fourth stage failed to develop enough thrust to eject the vehicle into trajectory. The one on Thursday, the Soviets say, is doing all right.
- C. Communist China [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] the Chinese, after a 20-month layoff, are preparing to get back into the missile testing business on their test range at Shuangchengtzu in central China. [redacted] 50X1
- D. British Guiana After three weeks of endless haggling, the London conference that was supposed to clear the way for British Guiana's independence yesterday folded its tent with nothing to show. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted]
- E. Guatemala A straw in the wind on the trend of Guatemalan political sentiment is that Ydigoras' man won the job of mayor of Guatemala City on Sunday by only a whisker over the candidate favored by US-baiting Jose Arevalo, the ex-president.

- F. Cambodia - South Vietnam [redacted] Sihanouk, still smoking over recent border incidents, [redacted] Cambodia was breaking relations with South Vietnam.
- G. Cuba-US The story that the Parris Manufacturing Company of Savannah, Tennessee, had offered Castro unlimited quantity of rifles turns out to be a bad joke. The company, which manufactures playthings, has told [redacted] it was talking about toy rifles [redacted]
- H. Pakistan Our Karachi embassy is checking on rumors that Peiping has offered to sign a non-aggression pact with Pakistan which would include an unconditional guarantee of support against attack from any quarter, e.g., India.

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